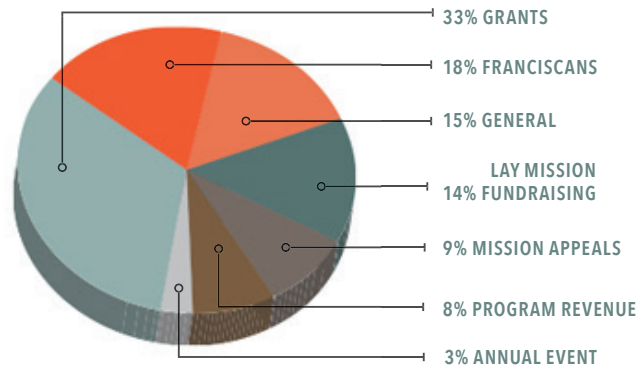


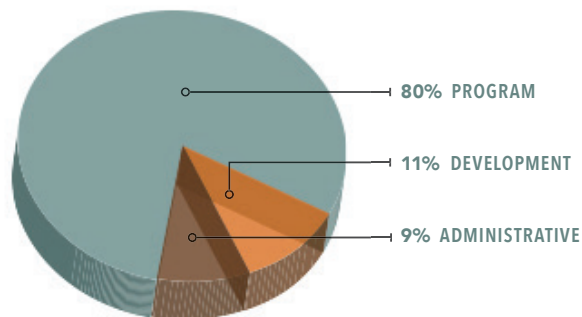
# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Revenue Total: **\$674,824**



Expense Total:\* **\$647,333**

\*Program costs include recruitment, training, and support of participants in the Nonprofit Servant Leadership Program as well as the Long-Term Overseas Mission Program.



## IN THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR...

844 INDIVIDUALS	13 GROUPS OF FRANCISCAN SISTERS
11 PARISHES	13 SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITIES
14 GROUPS OF FRIARS	6 OTHER FRANCISCAN INSTITUTIONS

...donated to Franciscan Mission Service, along with countless others that supported us through prayer.

## Make a Donation Today

WE ONLY ASK A FEW TIMES A YEAR, AND YOUR GIFT TRULY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. YOUR INVESTMENT SUPPORTS: LIVING OUT FRANCISCAN VALUES, DEVELOPING SERVANT LEADERS, AND SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS.



## TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH FRANCISCAN SERVICE

This year we worked with 31 Franciscan-hearted individuals who wanted to change the world, and we gave them an experience to ground and inform their idealism. Through service, prayer, and critical analysis, they developed a deeper understanding of a Franciscan approach to service.

These individuals served approximately **7,000** of our brothers and sisters on the margins, including those who are infirm, homeless, imprisoned, without family, in nursing homes, experiencing deep poverty, or striving for an education. Through these mutual encounters, our program participants opened their hearts and minds to new ways of loving while addressing systemic and structural poverty and injustice.

In order to further this **revolution of love** in our own community, we launched the DC Service Corps. This one-year opportunity to serve our vulnerable neighbors in the nation's capital is yet another way FMS supports relational, radical, relevant, and reconciling ministries that create sustainable, meaningful change.

*"Through the guidance of FMS, I have learned what it means to **love through accompaniment**, by walking beside someone and simply being with them, even if I have no power to alter or improve their circumstances. This is a love that seeks to understand the other, that opens unexpected doors, that expects nothing in return." - Allison Dethlefs, missionary in Cochabamba, Bolivia*

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The **greatest**  
**challenge**  
of the day is:  
how to bring about  
a **revolution**  
of the **heart**,  
a **revolution**  
which has to start  
with **each one**  
of **us**" - Dorothy Day



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When Lizzy Balboa joined the first cohort of DC Service Corps seeking an “**opportunity to learn how to love,**” we placed her with Little Friends for Peace (LFFP). Lizzy spent the year leading sessions on inner and interpersonal peace skills as a way to support the nonprofit’s mission to interrupt cycles of violence and destructive behaviors.

## SPOTLIGHT DC SERVICE CORPS

During weekly peace circles at the homeless shelter, Lizzy witnessed a 22-year-old participant move from anxious, closed, and despondent to peaceful, open, and joyful. At the elementary schools, teachers reported that Lizzy’s lessons led to improved behavior in their students, who became quieter and more receptive to learning.

FMS is honored to work with partners like LFFP that address underlying issues of unrest in our local community. To further this new program, we welcomed an Associate Director of Programs and Operations, Meghan Meros, in order to help young adults like Lizzy and fellow DC Service Corps member Josh Maxey grow as compassionate servant leaders.

*“My definition of love has gotten simpler. Now I think of love as ‘In this moment, how can I put this person before myself and address their needs before my own preoccupations?’”*  
- Lizzy Balboa



## GROWING IN LOVE

This fiscal year, through our Office Associates, DC Service Corps, and Lay Mission Programs, we touched **7,000** lives in communities experiencing poverty and marginalization, both overseas and in the US.

### PROVIDING EDUCATION

Missioners fill needed roles at schools for underserved communities in Bolivia, Guatemala, and Jamaica. In a new partnership with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in Kingston, Jamaica, missioners lead days of service for high school students, assist teachers in primary classrooms, and mentor students who have learning difficulties or behavioral issues.

*“Because of my experience with FMS, I’ve learned that...taking the extra time to look deeper at...the student who seems entirely unmotivated is always worth it. When you approach those difficult situations with love, you begin to see the beautiful person that God made instead of the problems they initially present.”* – Aubrey Kimble, missioner who serves at a rural university and children’s library in Carmen Pampa, Bolivia

### SUPPORTING HEALING

From visiting the elderly in nursing homes in Jamaica, to teaching dance and art to teenaged survivors of sexual abuse in Bolivia, missioners accompany individuals who feel mistreated, unheard, or alone. Through their various ministries, they seek to be a supportive and hopeful presence.

### EMBRACING THOSE IN PRISON

In Cochabamba, Bolivia, missioners share their days with those in prison as they seek to encourage and provide them means of self-sufficiency. The ministries include co-leading life skills and Bible classes, facilitating fellowship, and selling wares made by inmates in order for them to afford basic needs.

*“It would be impossible to visit the prisons here without walking away with a new understanding of love. The support...and love is what makes rehabilitation (and re-entry into society) plausible because it makes healing possible and brings about the understanding that we are each more than the worst thing we’ve done.”* – Jeff Sved, missioner serving in prisons in Cochabamba, Bolivia

## LIFELONG MISSION IN NORTH AMERICA

The Lay Mission Re-Entry Retreat in January provided returning missioners the tools, space, and time to reflect on their mission experiences, face the challenges of returning to the US, and integrate the lessons and gifts from mission into their lives going forward. The retreat is an important step in helping returned missioners continue to live out the call to be servant leaders in their home communities.

### SHORT TERM IMMERSION AND POVERTY EDUCATION

In March, we hosted students from Alvernia University and taught them about issues of homelessness and poverty in regards to healthcare and food scarcity. Daily prayer and reflection complemented the students’ visits to organizations serving at-risk populations. After the trip, many students said they are now considering a year of service.

**Let us plan a trip for you. Visit: [franciscanmissionservice.org/short-term](https://franciscanmissionservice.org/short-term)**

*“FMS did an amazing job securing service sites that allowed us to touch the lives of others but allowed ourselves to be vulnerable to change as well.”*  
- Alvernia student

### ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our annual World Care Benefit and Celebration is more than a fundraiser, it is a space for reflection on social justice issues. This year’s event honored Fr. Larry Snyder, the former president of Catholic Charities USA, and featured keynote speaker John Carr, director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University who spoke on the theme: “Is Poverty Inevitable? A Practical and Prophetic Response.”

*“I’ve been to a lot of events like this and this one really stands out because of the authenticity of the speakers.”*  
– Kathy Brown, Senior Director for Mission, Catholic Charities USA



## EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN RACIAL RECONCILIATION

In the blog series “Through the Eye of the Needle: Unpacking White Privilege in the Journey Towards Racial Reconciliation,” missioner Annemarie Barrett shared reflections on how her experiences in Bolivia are shaping her understanding of racism and privilege. Readers expressed gratitude and called it “**honest,**” “**challenging,**” “**insightful,**” and “**real.**”

Read the series for yourself:  
[franciscanmissionservice.org/racial-reconciliation](https://franciscanmissionservice.org/racial-reconciliation)

